

ARMY MEN PREDICT A FORCE OF 135,000

Secretary of War Said to Favor Increase in Size of Military Branch.

WILL MEAN MUCH INCREASE IN COST

Land Forces Now Under Arms Total 70,000—Dickinson to Ask Change in Report.

Fresh evidence of the troubles the Senate and House leaders are going to experience in trying to repress expenditures is coming to light daily. The latest development in the direction of higher appropriations is in connection with the army. It appears that the general staff is steadily pressing ahead in its plans to increase the army. The pressure on Congress to enlarge the army for some time, has been strong, but it is going to get stronger. Moreover, Secretary of War Dickinson is looked on as favorable to it, and the President himself as well inclined to the enlargement of the military arm.

Just at present the army is larger than it has been for a good while, with the organizations as a rule enlisted up to their full peace strength. The land forces now under arms amount to about 70,000 men.

But the general staff is not satisfied with this, and it is given out that under the supervision of Gen. William Wether- spoon, of the War College, the general staff is evolving a plan to reorganize the regular army on a basis of 135,000 men.

To Be In First Report.

It is expected that Secretary Dickinson will embody the report of the general staff on this subject in his first report as head of the War Department. The plan contemplates important changes in organization, such as the consolidation of the quartermaster's department, the subsistence department, and the navy department into a single department, with a major general at the head.

But the most important changes proposed would be in the line. The infantry force would be materially enlarged, so as to consist of nine divisions having a total of eighteen brigades. The cavalry would consist of three divisions, with a total of six brigades. Other branches of the service would be strengthened and thoroughly modernized.

Army Officers' Opinion.

Army officers have long been of the opinion that a material increase of the army is imperative and they have been able to make strong arguments for their proposition.

Every year the equipment of the army in modern fashion becomes increasingly expensive, even if no troops are added. Last session, for instance, Congress refused to appropriate anything for aerial experiments. With the constant development in airships, it will be impossible for Congress much longer to refrain from allowing considerable sums for airship purchase and experimentation.

The advances in Signal Corps work, improvements in artillery and the like, illustrate the fact that increasing demands on the Treasury for the upbuilding of the army cannot be escaped or overlooked.

BOOKER WASHINGTON SPEAKS AT BELASCO

Tells Negroes of Capital That Eyes of National Are Upon Them.

"The 100,000 negroes in the District of Columbia have a great opportunity; they have also a great responsibility; a responsibility to save themselves and make progress, and at the same time to set such an example before the world that the whole race shall be helped and not hindered."

Before a great audience in the Belasco Theatre Booker T. Washington, speaking for the benefit of the local colored branch of the Y. M. C. A., thus pointed out the path along which he believes his race should travel.

"In a large degree," said Washington, the eyes of the whole country, and in some degree, the eyes of the world, are upon the negroes in Washington. Public sentiment, so far as the condition of our race is concerned, is in a large measure made by what is seen of our people here."

The speaker told his hearers that the Washington negro drew \$5,000,000 from the Government every year. There is \$400,000 more paid out as salaries to school teachers. He then said that if they could not easily afford the \$25,000 required to build the new building of the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A., this amount \$25,000 is subscribed of which \$14,000 is ready to be paid in. Dr. Washington cited the noble example of a colored man, a day laborer in this city, who has contributed \$500 in cash for the movement. He is Henry Chase. He was brought forward amid great cheering.

STUDYING METHODS IN PLANT BREEDING

The work that has been done by the American agriculturists in plant breeding is being investigated by Prof. E. von Tschermak, of the Agricultural College of Vienna, Austria, and Prof. von Runkler, of the plant experiment station of Breslau, Germany.

Both of these distinguished scientists are now in Washington, and expect to make a tour of the experiment stations, and afterward to visit the Canadian station. Prof. von Tschermak is well known as the experimenter who is working out the Mendel law of plant and animal breeding.

WAR ON MOSQUITOES.

LLANERCH, Pa., May 10.—The "Citizens' Association of Llanerch" has been reorganized. Mosquitoes are a considerable annoyance in Llanerch in the summer, and among other objects of the association is that of getting rid of these pests. An assessment of \$3 to each property owner will be made to raise funds to conduct the campaign.

Springtime cleaning for beds only necessary once a year if you use 1 oz. Corrosive Sublimite, 1 oz. Carbolic Acid, 1 pt. Wood Alcohol—mixed in a bottle, and a brush goes with it—for..... 25c

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IN 'GRAUSTARK'



MISS GERTRUDE PERRY,
At the Academy.

EXUDES THE CHARM OF DAINTY YETIVE

Miss Gertrude Perry Said to Reflect the Spirit of Graustark Heroine.

Much of the charm of the Princess Yetive, as pictured in the novel of George Barr McCutcheon, is said to be reflected by Miss Gertrude Perry, who plays the heroine of Graustark at the Academy this week.

This play is out of the ordinary run seen at the Washington home of melodrama. It has played at high-priced houses in many of the large cities of the East. Everywhere Miss Perry is said to have scored a personal triumph.

ENGLAND DISMISSES AMERICAN AERONAUT

War Office Colleagues Jealous of Foreigner's Success in the Air.

LONDON, May 10.—Col. S. F. Cody, the American, formerly head of the balloon department of the British war office, will shortly be engaged by the United States Government, according to information given to a correspondent today.

Because of Cody's American origin his success aroused the jealousy of his colleagues, who finally asked the minister of war to depose him. They went so far as to declare that in case of war he would be likely to turn over to the United States Government all the secrets at his disposal. When this story, coupled with Cody's dismissal, was sent to Washington the Secretary of War immediately suggested engaging him for the balloon department.

Cody recently made several remarkable flights in an aeroplane over Salisbury Plain.

PRISONERS TO GET BREAD AND WATER

The regular navy ration is too delectable a meal for court-martial prisoners of the navy. This important fact has been decided by department officials, and the Secretary after much consideration. Henceforth enlisted men undergoing punishment will not be given a full and hearty meal with delicacies on the side, as has been the custom in the past.

LOOK FOR BODIES OF RIVER'S VICTIMS

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 10.—Efforts to recover the bodies of the six men, a woman, and two children, who were drowned in the Susquehanna river by the overturning of a rowboat yesterday afternoon are being made today.

The list of the victims is as follows: William Andrews, Port Griffith, aged twenty-seven; Theodore Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Frank Ganofski, Mrs. Frank Ganofski, John Ganofski, Michael Ganofski.

Troop E, of the State constabulary, is aiding in the search for the bodies.

KEEP THE BATH TUB BRIGHT.

Whether the bath tub be porcelain, enameled iron, or zinc, it may be kept always bright and smooth by merely washing it lightly, after each using, with warm water and Gold Dust.

If any rough places or dark spots appear in the tub, sprinkle a little of the Gold Dust powder on the cloth and rub briskly, until the surface is bright and smooth.

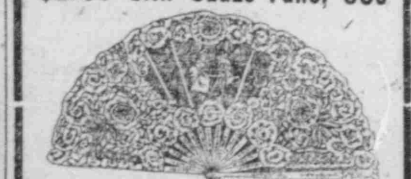
Other plumbing fixtures, such as wash basins and water closets, may be kept perfectly bright and white, if thoroughly washed, with Gold Dust once a week.

As the Gold Dust is a good disinfectant, its use is a protection against disease and odors. It cleanses the drain pipes and traps, as well as the visible fixtures, cutting out adhering grease.

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WANT APPROPRIATION TO VALUE RAILROADS

Members of Interstate Commerce Commission Anxious to Have an Amendment Tacked on to the Deficiency Bill at Next Session.

When the deficiency appropriation bill is made up some time before the end of the special session, there will be a determined effort to insert in it an amendment appropriating for the expense of a valuation of the railroads, to be made by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission is anxious to have the money, and its friends have been feeling out the opinion of leaders in both houses with the view to determining the chance of the measure passing. It is explained that there is not only need for the appropriation, but immediate need. The commission requires a valuation, and requires it without delay. The railroads in several cases have submitted valuations of their property, made by their experts; and these are to go to the courts with the cases, on appeal, involving orders of the commission to reduce rates.

In the Southwestern cattle raisers' cases the roads made up a valuation which is likely to become a turning point in the case. The commission maintains that it is altogether too high, and has engaged an expert in valuations to go over and prepare a criticism of it. This expert is Engineer Thompson, of the Texas State railroad commission, who had charge of all the engineering work in making the valuation, for the State, of the Texas railroads. Mr. Thompson knows the business in all its aspects, and understands the underlying theories of valuation which have been discussed by the courts. He is going to apply his knowledge in the present review of valuations made by the railroads themselves.

In the Northwestern lumber cases valuations have been submitted by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, and in order to disprove the immense valuations there claimed by the roads, the commission feels that nothing less than its own complete, detailed valuation will serve. Therefore, as these kind of demands are now constantly rising, it wants the money to make the valuation.

After a good deal of uncertainty, the commission has decided that it has all necessary power to do this work. It must, however, be given the money to get it, and get it at once, the proposal has been advanced to append the amendment on the deficiency bill. This measure will appropriate to begin the census, and for some minor matters. Whether a railroad valuation amendment would be considered germane is the grave question, but it is hoped the President and the leaders in Congress may be induced to agree to let it go through.

PLANS TO ENLARGE NAVAL HOSPITAL

Navy Department Will Ask Bids for Seven Buildings May 15.

Extensive plans for the enlargement of the Naval Medical School Hospital in this city have just been completed by the bureau of yards and docks of the Navy Department, and bids for seven new buildings will be opened May 15.

Each of these buildings is to be two and one-half stories high, with concrete basement. One of them will be used for a contagious ward. This building will be of steel and concrete throughout, and will be as near fire and germ proof as possible.

The other buildings will be finished in hardwood. Two of them will be quarters for medical officers, one will be quarters for sick officers, one will be used by female nurses, and the other by male nurses as their living quarters.

The buildings will be arranged in a group around the old white structure at the foot of Twenty-fourth street northwest, which was formerly used as the Naval Observatory.

DESERTS THE ARMY TO VISIT MOTHER

COATESVILLE, Pa., May 10.—Police- man Robert Allison arrested here Walter B. Hook, aged nineteen years, who said he was a deserter from Company 4, Captain French, stationed at Fort Slocum, N. Y.

When taken into custody Hook told the officer in a pitiful voice: "I was only going home to see mother, and was going to return to my post." He lives in Lewistown, Pa.

HURRICANE SWEEPS THE MALABAR COAST

Forty-seven Native Vessels Are Sunk and Loss of Life Is Heavy.

BOMBAY, May 10.—Reports of the sinking of forty-seven native vessels in a hurricane in the Calicut coast reached here today. The storm has swept the whole Malabar coast, and the loss of life is heavy.

Many vessels have gone down at other points along the coast. The damage inland is said to be as heavy as on the water.

TITLES WANTED FOR AIR SAILORS

"Student officers, who are to be taught the art of manipulating the aeroplane," have been selected by General Allen, chief of the Signal Corps, Lieut. Frank P. Lahm and Benjamin D. Fovolis being named, and nobody in the War Department has yet been able to think of a shorter title for the new positions. All kinds of weird word combinations have been suggested to describe the "manipulators," the word aeroplanist being the least cumbersome, but being objectionable in other ways.

The two officers will be taught by the Wrights, and will in turn teach others.

REVOLT FAILS.

BORDEAUX, May 10.—Passengers on the steamship Guadeloupe, who have just arrived here from Venezuela, state that friends of Castro attempted to start a revolution there, but met with failure.

NOTE—No Delivery on 10c Meats

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Lamb Chops, Shoulder. Shoulder of Lamb. Breast of Lamb. Beef a la Mode. Boston Brisket, Boneless. Boneless Rolled Corned Beef. Triangle Roasts. Clod Roasts. Boneless Pot Roast. Hamburger Steak. Chuck Roast. Flank Steaks. Bouillions. Shoulder Steaks. Veal Fore Quarters. Breast of Veal. Stew Veal. Veal Chops, Shoulder. Corned Shoulders. Smoked Slicing Shoulders. English Dry Salted Shoulder. Boston Bean Pork—for seasoning. Frankfort Sausage. Bologna. Souse Pigs Feet. Green Sausage.

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Third Prize.....\$10 Fourth Prize.....\$5
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23c for the New 25c Lingerie

The Corset Covers, as illustrated, have to be contracted for in vast numbers in order to buy them at 21c wholesale.

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Now you understand that "less than the Palais Royal's regular prices are no longer necessary." And you understand why reductions here, however little, are duly appreciated.



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69c Garments	=	50c	\$2.00 Garments	\$1.79
85c Garments	=	69c	\$2.50 Garments	\$2.49
\$1.00 Garments	=	90c	\$4.00 Garments	\$3.69

\$4.50 to \$15.00 Garments at 10% Discount

The garments at \$4.50 and up are to be subject to 10 per cent discount tomorrow. Each piece is marked in plain figures, at a price only possible when associated with a cash business. Deduct one-tenth from these prices, and they are from 20 to 30 per cent less than prevailing for fine Lingerie. Gowns are here up to \$10 each, Skirts up to \$15 each, Corset Covers and Drawers up to \$5.00. Chemises up to \$10, Combination Garments up to \$10, Match Sets up to \$50.

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